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### Kingston Earthquake

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 18.—The awful devastation caused by the earthquake became more apparent as time passed.

Without warning the earth began to shake and tremble at 3:30 Monday afternoon. The shocks, which came from the westward, lasted exactly 31 seconds. The whole city rocked like a ship in a choppy sea, and buildings reeled and fell. Eastward a dense cloud of dust arose and enveloped Kingston in semi-darkness. The shocks were most destructive along the harbor front, where entire streets were leveled. Crowds of frightened, shrieking people streamed northward towards the racecourse, hundreds, with heads and bodies cut and bruised, covered with blood. Those who escaped with slight injury reported that large numbers of persons were buried under the fallen stores and tenements.

As the dust lifted, pillars of smoke arose in Harbor street, near the parish church, and shortly afterward flames shot into the sky. It was then perceived that fire would complete the work of the earthquake. In half an hour the flames were spreading from block to block in the business section. The fire department was unable to stay the conflagration, owing to the inadequate supply of water, the earthquake having broken the mains. Fortunately a northeast wind was blowing at the time, which confined the conflagration to the southern portion of the city. The fire raged all night and ultimately spent its force Tuesday forenoon.

The buildings in the upper portion of the city were uninhabitable and the residents sought refuge in the public parks or on lawns adjoining the wrecked houses. It was a pitiable sight. Thousands of persons were homeless, and hundreds were enduring agony from broken heads and limbs under the open sky. The city doctors were busy all night, amputating limbs and dressing wounds. The worst cases were taken to the public hospital, where the staff doctors attended to them, but many expired before morning.

The work of rescuing the entombed people was continued Tuesday and Wednesday and fully 400 corpses were recovered, but many more were burnt to ashes in the fire. Attempts at looting were made by the rabble, but the military guards stationed at the principal corners succeeded in restoring order.

Monday night 15 distinct shocks were felt, but they did no damage. Tuesday there were 20 shocks and on Wednesday there were 10.

Among the buildings utterly destroyed are the Supreme Court, Colonial Bank, Nova Scotia Bank, the Merchants' Exchange, St. George's Church, the Catholic Cathedral, the Savings Bank, all the shipping offices and wharves, the Myrtle Bank Hotel, the Constant Springs Hotel, the Jamaica Club, the Masonic temple, Training College, Hope College, the railway terminus, customs, buildings, cable company's offices, all the newspaper offices except that of the Daily Telegraph, which is severely damaged, but escaped the fire; the Salvation Army Temple and the offices of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational Churches and schools. In brief, not a sound building remains in the entire area of Kingston, and less than a dozen houses can be occupied.

The entire business section is wiped out. The loss cannot fall short of \$5,000,000 and probably will total about that amount.

The whole of Jamaica felt the shock, but no serious damage was done beyond a radius of 12 miles from Kingston. Some houses were cracked at Spanish town, the fortifications at Port Royal were abandoned by the artillerymen and engineers, the western part of the town is partly submerged, 1892 inch guns are displaced and the barracks are in a dangerous and shaky condition.

Up-Park Camp, north of Kingston, is also destroyed, and about 40 sick soldiers were burned to death before they could be removed from the hospital.

The King's House, the residence of the Governor, is badly injured and all its former occupants are now living under tents in Trafalgar Park. The residence of General Marshall is demolished.

There were many narrow escapes and the death list is constantly growing.

### How To Avoid Pneumonia.

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### Snubs Admiral

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 19.—Rear-Admiral Davis' mission of mercy to stricken Kingston came to an abrupt and painful conclusion today, in consequence of Governor Swettenham's objection to the presence of American sailors engaged in the work of clearing the streets, guarding property and succoring the wounded and sick.

It culminated in a letter to the admiral peremptorily requesting him to re-embark all parties which had been landed.

Admiral Davis was greatly shocked and pained, and paid a formal visit to Governor Swettenham today, informed him that the United States battleships Missouri and Indiana and the gunboat Yankton would sail this afternoon.

Commenting on the affair subsequently, Admiral Davis said immediately in compliance with Governor Swettenham's request was the only course consistent with the dignity of the United States.

Friction between the governor and the admiral began with the arrival of the American war vessels, when the governor objected to the firing of a salute in his honor, on the ground that the citizens might mistake the firing for a new earthquake. He also declared there was no necessity for American aid—that his government was fully able to preserve order, tend the wounded and succor the homeless.

Rear-Admiral Davis, however, landed parties of bluejackets, who patrolled the streets, cleared the debris, razed ruins, attended many of the wounded and won the highest praise from citizens and military officers for their excellent work.

Governor Swettenham's action is deplored by residents of Kingston, some of whom suggest that he be asked to resign.

London heard of the incident with amazement, the highest appreciation of the American Navy's course having been expressed by newspaper and public.

As a possible explanation of Governor Swettenham's action it is suggested that he may have acted under the strain of nervous excitement through being overwrought by his recent painful experiences.

BRITISH ARE MORTIFIED  
English officialdom and the English press have adopted a tone of mortification and deep regret over the break between Governor Swettenham, of Jamaica, and Admiral Davis.

The United States Government, on the other hand, has taken the attitude of ignoring the matter as the more dignified course, pending the receipt of Admiral Davis' official report.

The thanks of the English government for the aid given to the people of Kingston were officially communicated to Washington.

Governor Swettenham has been asked for an explanation by his Government.

The Mayor of Kingston, in his official capacity, has requested aid for his city.

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Bodies were buried hundreds of feet into adjacent fields and woods, torn to pieces or caught in the debris, where they were buried, together with the still living victims of the catastrophe, by the fire which broke out immediately after the crash.

The explosion was heard 30 miles, people thinking an earthquake had occurred.

The people of Sandford worked heroically to save the injured, but there was no efficient fire department, and the intense heat soon drove the rescuers away.

All the telegraph and telephone wires were torn down, and help could not be obtained until someone had covered three miles to Terre Haute on foot.

Theories as to what caused the powder to explode differ.

### Virginia:

In Vacation: In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Highland County, January 18th, 1907. Geo. E. Swecker & others

vs. Upon an amended bill, in chancery.

Trexler Bros. & Co. &c.  
The object of this amended bill, is to annul or dissolve the partnership known as the Bluegrass Percheron Horse Co., and to ascertain its assets and liabilities, and ascertain the liability of Trexler Bros. & Co. and E W Armstrong and W F Jones to the plaintiffs and to attach the effects of H P Reynolds in the hands of one J H Yost for the amount of \$2800.00 with interest from the first day of January 1906.

And it appearing from affidavit, this day filed, that the defendants, J F Trexler, J L Trexler and H P Reynolds are nonresidents of the state of Virginia; it is ordered that they appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect their interest.

E H McClintic p. q. Teste:

J C McHenry, Clerk.

### Miss Shelton Is Uncertain

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 21.—After an investigation which could hardly be termed a preliminary hearing, this afternoon in Amherst county, across the James River from Lynchburg, Justice Dawson held Peter Hudson and Herbert Steptoe, negroes, for the grand jury on the charge of criminally assaulting Miss Gladys Shelton on January 7. The negroes were brought here from Roanoke, and were met at the station by the Lynchburg Home Guard, which escorted them across the James river into Amherst county. A detachment of police guarded the bridge and kept the crowd back. After the investigation the negroes were taken back to Roanoke.

Miss Shelton clung to her original declaration that Hudson was the negro who asked for bread. She spent some time looking Steptoe over and finally concluded that while in stature he looked like the man who assaulted her, she could not say if it was he or not. From questioning of Commonwealth's Attorney Evans of the negroes it is evident that the authorities think Steptoe is the culprit and they will endeavor to convict him.

It is more probable that Hudson, the first negro held, will be able to prove an alibi. It is said that Steptoe has made a written statement which he cannot substantiate.

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### THE HUMAN BRAIN.

No Capacity to Receive the Impressions of a Lifetime.

Authorities differ as to the capacity of the average brain to receive the impressions of a lifetime. It is pretty well believed that there is in the brain a center of conservation distinct from the center of perception. We of course know nothing as to the nature of the relation of brain cells to precepts and conservation, but we do know that there must be a relation. The researches of Hammerberg and Thomson show that the number of cells in the brain is 9,200,000,000. All stimuli, external (through the five senses) or internal (through processes), must leave some trace upon these cells, chemical, physical or dynamic. These stimuli are composed of all sorts of precepts—words and sounds heard; things and words seen; objects felt, tasted, smelled; sensations perceived in our own bodies; thoughts pushing upward into consciousness. And a little reflection will show how innumerable such impressions must be in the course of a single waking day.

Even without reading, the resident of a city must receive an incalculable number of impressions upon his brain every twenty-four hours. The reading center of the brain occupies a comparatively small area in the back of the left hemisphere and consequently must possess a very small portion of the 9,000,000,000 cells referred to above. We can only guess at the number, but a fair estimate would be about a twentieth, or, say, 500,000,000, which in a lifetime of sixty years would allow us about 25,000 cells a day for the perception and conservation of words and sentences read. These figures may have no scientific value, but at any rate they emphasize a very important fact, and that is that our brain capacity is limited and that we should be sparing of the cells we daily squander.—Dr. Fredrick Peterson in Collier's.

### As Mark Twain Saw It.

When Mark Twain was city editor of the Virginia City Enterprise, back in the seventies, he used to brighten up the columns of the paper with comic paragraphs setting forth the advantages of advertising. These paragraphs were based on all kinds of odd facts—on murders, on crop reports, on kidnapping, on the weather. One paragraph ran like this:

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### The Useful Policeman.

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### Two Passions.

Mrs. Prosy—Reading is quite a passion with my husband. Mrs. Dresser—So it is with mine when he reads my milliner's bills!

Falseness is so easy, truth so difficult.—George Eliot.

### One of Them.

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In 1836 Marty asked for the concession to build a national theater on the site of Parque Central. It was granted to him. General Tacon went further and allowed him the privilege of the use of forty convicts who were then confined in Morro castle to assist him in the work, each convict receiving the sum of 20 cents a day. In 1838 the theater was finished, and Marty, as a proof of the gratitude he felt toward General Tacon for sparing his life, named it El Teatro Tacon. During the insurrection in Cuba many exciting incidents took place here. In one instance a regiment of Cuban insurgents barricaded themselves in the theater and held it against the Spaniards for three days. Finally they were starved out, and as they were making their escape all were shot.

The theater is built of white stone, with decorations of marble, and faces Central park, being in the center of the fashionable district of Havana. It is one of the largest theaters in the world, seating over 3,000 persons.—Cuban Review.

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